

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

October 28, 2025

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:30 p.m. with the Honourable Shane Thompson, Speaker, presiding.

Members' Attendance

Present: Member for Dehcho, Member for Frame Lake, Member for Great Slave, Honourable Member for Hay River North, Honourable Member for Hay River South, Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Honourable Member for Kam Lake, Member for Monfwi, Honourable Member for Nunakput, Member for Range Lake, Member for Sahtu, Honourable Member for Thebacha, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Member for Mackenzie Delta.

Ministers' Statements

- 158-20(1) The Minister of Infrastructure made a statement regarding the successful 2025 season for Marine Transportation Services.
- 159-20(1) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement regarding Dehcho patient journey mapping.

Members' Statements

- 766-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the Macroeconomic Policy of the Northwest Territories.
- 767-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding late payments for Student Financial Assistance.

- 768-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding Arctic security infrastructure upgrades in Inuvik.
- 769-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement about accessing granular materials from Cenovus Energy for a section of the Mackenzie Valley Highway.
- 770-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories' response to climate change.
- 771-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the *Residential Tenancies Act*.
- The Member for Yellowknife North sought and received unanimous consent to conclude her statement.
- 772-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding community landfills.
- 773-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding Jordan's Principle funding.
- 774-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding community-led public safety and crime prevention initiatives in small communities.
- 775-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding innovation for Northwest Territories healthcare cards.
- 776-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement celebrating the life of Alison de Pelham.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 29-20(1) Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Committee Project: Housing as a Human Right

The Member for Monfwi, seconded by the Member for Range Lake, moved that the remainder of Committee Report 29-20(1), Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Committee Project: Housing as a Human Right, be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Monfwi, seconded by the Member for Range Lake, moved that Committee Report 29-20(1), Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Committee Project: Housing as a Human Right, be received by the Assembly and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Honourable Member for Thebacha sought and received unanimous consent to move Item 14, Tabling of Documents, to Item 9 following Acknowledgements on the Orders of the Day.

Tabling of Documents

- 415-20(1) Legal Aid Commission of the Northwest Territories Annual Report 2024-2025. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 416-20(1) 2025 Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly on Housing in the Northwest Territories. Tabled by the Speaker.

Notices of Motion

- 64-20(1) Naming of the 50th Street Affordable Housing Complex
- Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

- Bill 34: *Trespass to Property Act*
- Notice given by the Premier for the Minister of Justice.
- Bill 35: *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2026*
- Notice given by the Premier for the Minister of Justice.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Chair, the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Tabled Document 385-20(1): 2026-2027 Capital Estimates and reported progress.

The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, seconded by the Member for Yellowknife Centre, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 23: *An Act to Amend the Children's Law Act*

The Honourable Member for Thebacha, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, moved that Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Children's Law Act*, be read for the third time and requested a recorded vote.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Sahtu, Yellowknife Centre, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Monfwi, Great Slave, Yellowknife North, Thebacha, Yellowknife South, Kam Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nunakput. (15)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 24: *An Act to Amend the Family Law Act*

The Honourable Member for Thebacha, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kam Lake, moved that Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Family Law Act*, be read for the third time and requested a recorded vote.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Sahtu, Yellowknife Centre, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Monfwi, Frame Lake, Great Slave, Yellowknife North, Thebacha, Yellowknife South, Kam Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nunakput. (16)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 27: *An Act to Amend the Protection Against Family Violence Act*

The Honourable Member for Thebacha, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kam Lake, moved that Bill 27, *An Act to*

Amend the Protection Against Family Violence Act, be read for the third time and requested a recorded vote.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Sahtu, Yellowknife Centre, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Monfwi, Frame Lake, Great Slave, Yellowknife North, Thebacha, Yellowknife South, Kam Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nunakput. (16)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 6:46 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly